

DISPOSAL OF INSECTA COATING/PAINT

DISPOSAL OF INSECTA PAINT FROM NLSC:

NOAA policy issued on August 28, 2000 requested to phase out the use of EPA banned pesticides/ insecticides containing chlorpyrifos at NOAA facilities before December 31, 2002. The INSECTA coating /paint used in ASOS program contains Chlorpyrifos (0.0 Diethyl 0 (3,5,6 trichloro-2 pyridinyl) phosphorothionates. Therefore, field sites must discontinue its use and dispose of unused products before the listed date. The products have been also removed from NLSC stock. The referenced INSECTA paint (coating) ASN numbers are:
S100-2MT2MS2 - 1 gallon container
S100-2MT2MS1 - 16 oz bottle

The labels on both containers show one active ingredient: 0.86 % of Chlorpyrifos.

The ASOS program has procured a new insectidal coating/paint also named INSECTA. The product is now available at the NLSC under the same ASN and NSN numbers as the banned INSECTA paint. Please make sure that only the banned INSECTA paint is disposed of. Simply check the labels for the active ingredient. The new product labels show a different active ingredient: Permethrin, which is the EPA approved pesticide.

DISPOSAL OF INSECTA PAINT FROM NLSC:

The banned INSECTA paint has been removed from the stock and will be disposed of through the NLSC contracted hazardous waste removal company.

DISPOSAL OF INSECTA PAINT FROM NWS FIELD OFFICES:

The banned INSECTA paint must be disposed of locally. Do not attempt to send containers to NLSC or NRC. The following are feasible options for disposal of INSECTA paint containers at the field offices:

1. If your office has small quantities of INSECTA paint, it can be used to paint the LEDWI (present weather sensor). Be aware that only the referenced ASOS part is required to be painted with INSECTA. Check the ASOS Site Technical Manual (pages 7-27 & 7-34) and ASOS Maintenance Note 48 for details. Do not coat other ASOS equipment with INSECTA.
2. If you have a bigger surplus of INSECTA paint and your office personnel will not be able to use it before December 31, 2002, the paint containers and its contents must be disposed of before December 31, 2002.
 - a. Dispose of INSECTA paint through a disposal company servicing your site
The opened or unopened containers of INSECTA paint should be disposed of as hazardous waste. This option is available for sites with existing disposal company contracts. NWS facilities located at universities, government

installations or other private organizations may take advantage of disposal contracts these organizations may already have in place.

- a. Dispose of INSECTA Paint containers at a municipal transfer station.
This option is available to you if your facility is a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (no more than 220 lbs of hazardous waste/month or 1 quart of extremely hazardous waste/month) and the quantity of unused paint is small. Contact the hazardous material division personnel at a transfer station, and inquire if they will accept Insecta paint for disposal. Please have MSDS ready. Many municipalities accept hazardous waste from small businesses or government offices. If your municipality does not have such a program or if the municipality refuses to accept the paint, you will have to dispose of it through a hazardous waste company. Contact your environmental focal point and Regional Compliance Officer for advice.
- c. Hire a licenced hazardous waste disposal company
If none of the described options above are feasible, opened or unopened containers of INSECTA paint must be disposed of by a licenced hazardous waste company. Make sure the company is in a good standing. Ensure that a hazardous waste manifest is prepared and kept on file 3 years. Contact your environmental focal point and the respective Regional Compliance Officer for advice (see below).

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